

Retiree News

A Supplement to the Desert Airman

Friday, Jan. 25, 2002

Notes to Know

Retiree Appreciation Day

Retiree Appreciation Day is planned for Friday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club.

Retired Major General Murray; President of NAUS will provide a legislative update. TRICARE, dental insurance, legal and pay issues and veteran's benefits are among the subjects to be covered. Other activities are being planned, but details are not yet determined.

To attend, call 228-5100 or e-mail: retired@dm.af.mil. Leave your name, number of people attending and a phone number. For further information, call 228-5100, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.

Volunteers needed

Do you have a few hours a week during which you can volunteer? If so please call the Retiree Activities Office and let the volunteer know what you'd like to do. Volunteers are needed in the pharmacies, as identification checkers at various buildings, at the RAO information desk to name a few locations.

If you can help, call the RAO at 228-5100. You can also e-mail: retired@dm.af.mil or write: Retiree Activities Office, 5345 East Madera Street, DMAFB, AZ 85707. You can visit the office: go south on Craycroft Road, turn right after the water tower onto Madera and 5345 is the third building (Building 4310) on the right. There are instructions on the door as to how to enter the building. Volunteers normally man the desk from 9 am to 2 pm.

Scholarships

Now is the time to look for grant or loan money for college for the fall of 2002. Some scholarships are available only to children of active-duty, retired and deceased military members. These include:

The Retired Officers Association has scholarships for which children of all ranks can apply. Applicants must be under age 24 and working toward their first undergraduate degree. Applications must

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Medal of Honor recipient remembered

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Medal of Honor recipient Master Sgt. Henry Eugene "Red" Erwin, 80, of Leeds, Ala., passed away Jan. 16.

Erwin served in the Army Air Corps in the World War II Pacific Theatre and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

On April 19, 1945, Erwin was a staff sergeant serving as a radio operator aboard a B-29 Superfortress bomber over Koriyama, Japan. He was also responsible for dropping phosphorus smoke bombs and one of the bombs launched by Erwin exploded in the launching chute. The burning phosphorus bomb shot back into the interior of the aircraft, striking him in the face, obliterating his nose and blinding him.

Erwin realized that the aircraft and crew would be lost if the burning bomb remained in the plane. He picked it up and instinctively crawled toward the copilot's window. Erwin located the window and threw the bomb out. Completely aflame, he fell back upon the floor.

The smoke cleared and the pilot pulled the plane out of its dive at 300 feet. Erwin's gallantry and heroism went above and beyond the call of duty and saved the lives of his comrades, according to the medal citation.

Two-and-one-half years and 41 surgeries later, Erwin was discharged from the military



File photo

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Tax time: Volunteers assist with preparation

Free income tax assistance, preparation and electronic filing are available from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office beginning Jan. 30 and continuing through April 15. This year the first two weeks of tax assistance is reserved for active duty members and their spouses.

Appointments are required and can be made starting Jan. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by calling 228-3489. Office hours are 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. The VITA office is in Building 4310, Room 109.

Taxpayers should bring the following items: social security card or record of social security number; names of taxpayers, spouse and dependents to include the birth date of all dependents; the federal (and state if applicable) tax package; Forms W-2, 1099R and other statements of reportable income; all appropriate expense information and a copy of the 2000 federal and state tax return. For direct deposit, a

blank check or proof of bank routing number and account number is required.

The VITA office will have a limited supply of federal and Arizona tax forms and instructions. Individuals requiring other than Arizona forms should contact their home state.

The electronic filing system permits direct deposit to a taxpayer's bank account and the deposit is normally made in less than 21 days. The electronic filing system also allows taxpayers who owe the government to "file now and pay later."

To use the electronic filing system for a joint return, both parties must be present to sign the Individual Tax Declaration before the return can be transmitted.

Anyone who needs specific publications should order them directly from the IRS by calling 1-800-TAX-FORMS (829-3676). For more information, call the VITA office at 228-3489 after January 28.

Volunteers demonstrate 'Service Before Self'

One hundred fifty one D-M retiree and family member volunteers are recognized for their work during 2001. (The 2000 tax year VITA volunteers were recognized in the April 2001 newsletter)

The efforts of the following listed individuals, who worked anywhere from a few to hundreds of hours, is appreciated. The work was done at the Retiree Activities Office information desk, the main gate visitor's center, the newsletter, retiree orientation, law center, library, finance, the pharmacies, and on the RAO executive board. This year the names of retirees and family members who volunteer at the medical clinic in addition to the pharmacies are also included.

If any person or agency was omitted, we are sorry, and let us know at 228-5100.

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Dino Areostatico	Jack Brown
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Grace Block	John Chmelir
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Del Light
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Rudolph Riccardi
Dennis Richards
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Stacy Rolfer
Marlene Rosin
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Carolee Ryan
Loretta Sampson
Sara Saunders
Marilyn Savage

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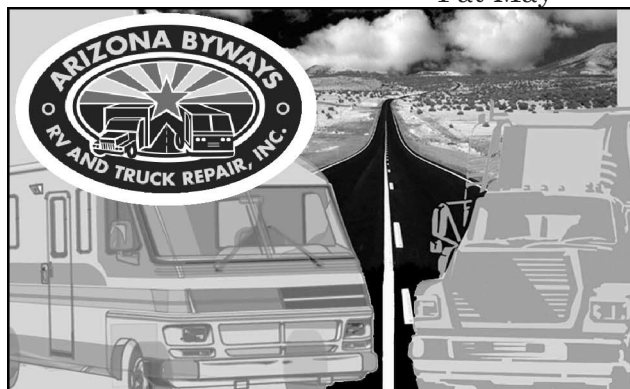
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Society of Military Widows active at VA Hospitals

September and October found between 20 and 25 SMW members volunteering at the Southern Arizona VA Medical Center. The local chapter was given the Day Care Ward in the "Adopt a Ward Program." Members started by having a monthly birthday party for the ward. Each month several ladies baked cakes and served ice cream and punch to the group. They then spent time playing games with the attendees. The volunteers consider it a very successful and satisfying activity. More and varied activities are planned for 2002.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, seven volunteers spent an afternoon at the Rehabilitation Unit. While a great band from Green Valley entertained, the volunteers served refreshments and visited with the patients and their families.

The last week in November, SMW members joined Women's Auxiliary members who spon-

sor the Christmas Gift Shop each year. Members donate thousands of new gifts to this project. Patients who were well enough to go to the auditorium went there to shop for gifts for their family members. Their selections were gift wrapped and returned to them so they could give them as gifts. Patients whose family members lived out of town had the gifts mailed to them. Patients who couldn't go to the auditorium to shop had a selection of gifts brought to them.

The gifts, wrappings, postage, etc. was all paid for by the participating organizations. The smiles and the thanks received from the patients were early Christmas gifts for the volunteers. If you would like to participate in some of these programs, contact the VA, 792-1450, ext. 6988 or the SMW through the RAO, 228-5100.

MDG closure

All 355th Medical Group clinics, including the pharmacy services, dental clinic and laboratory are closed the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. for training. After-hours call service is activated during this time. To talk with a Primary Care Manager during this time, call 513-0355.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Chapel invites all D-M members to attend the National Prayer Breakfast Thursday at 7 a.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Cecil Richardson, ACC Command Chaplain, who will speak on the power of prayer. Tickets are \$5 from the Chapel or any first sergeant.

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be postmarked by March 1 for consideration for the 2002 - 2003 school term. Applications and further information can be found on TROA's web site (www.troa.org). Call 1-800-245-8762 for information only.

The Air Force Aid Society awards \$1500 grants to Air Force dependents. Applications are available at the family support center, Building 3210. For more information call 228-5690 or 3891.

The Air Force Services Club Membership Scholarship Program provides deserving club/family members an opportunity to compete for \$10,000 in cash scholarships. Current members of Air Force officers and enlisted clubs are eligible to apply and compete for \$5000, \$3000, and \$2000 awards paid to the top three nominees. Complete application instructions can be picked up at the clubs or call 228-5950.

The Commissary and the Fisher House Foundation sponsor the Scholarships for Military Children program. Applications are available at the D-M Air Force Base Commissary or can be found at www.commissaries.com.

The Officer's Spouses Club and the Enlisted Spouses Association, and the local chapter of the Retired Officers Association also sponsor scholarships every year. High School counselors' offices have further information.

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